



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**For:** DETECTION OF MUTATIONS IN  
A GENE ENCODING IKAPPAB  
KINASE-COMPLEX-ASSOCIATED  
PROTEIN TO DIAGNOSE  
FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8 and 14-17, directed to methods of detecting a polymorphism in a nucleic acid.

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